

POST GRADUATE

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THE DEGGENDORF INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY



Dear Absolviva,

Alumni advisors in Bavaria agree that the Corona crisis has indeed had a positive effect, because the - initially forced - step into digital formats has proved to be a stroke of luck, especially for the worldwide alumni networks of the universities. Thanks to Zoom, MS Teams or other online platforms, it was possible to create offers for alumni who previously had very little contact due to their physical distance from their alma mater.

But it also quickly became clear that it wouldn't work without on-site formats. It's all in the mix, as it always is in life. That's why the alumni office was delighted when we were finally able to return to the very successful face-to-face formats that we had been missing in our alumni work:

- On-site seminars to complement the virtual offerings
- On-site graduate celebrations with graduates and their families at all three campuses
- And, of course, the AlumniNet business trip.

In this issue, Corinna Pippiers, ECRI alumna, AlumniNet board member and enthusiastic business trip traveller, reports on our trip to Lake Constance.

My personal second favourite events after the business trip are the meetings at various Christmas markets in Bavaria. We are very pleased to be able to offer dates again this year and hope to meet many, many of you like this during December.

Your town is not among them? No problem, just organise it yourself, we are happy to support, it couldn't be easier: just name the date and be there at the time mentioned, we will take care of communicating the date and manage the registrations. As always, the first mulled wine is on the (AlumniNet) house for organisers and members, of course.

So we look forward to seeing you again, whether on site or on the screen, there's sure to be something for you too.

Have a peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Yours,

Ulrike Savchel

HAVE YOU HEAR ABOUT OUR ALUMNI NEWSLETTER PG MONTHLY?

The newsletter exclusively for alumni of the Deggendorf Institute of Technology is an extension of our Post Graduate for all those who would like to have regular information about the university and interesting events for alumni. It is sent out once a month by e-mail. Registration is possible [here](#).



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DIT

14 December 2022 | 6.00 - 7.30 pm

Sustainability in Dialogue #3 | Energy generation and Energy Efficiency

18 January 2023 | 6.00 - 7.30 pm

Sustainability in Dialogue #4 | Man-made Climate Change - Options for Dealing with it

31 March 2023 | noon - 5 pm

Online-Symposium Corporate Governance 4.0: Sustainability, Digitalisation and Resilience

8 - 11 June 2023

Stadt Land Fluss Campus Open Air

23 June 2023

Dies Academicus and Open Day

DIT ALUMNI & ALUMNINET E.V.

5 December 2022 - 17 February 2023

Registration for iLearn graduate book 2023

8 December 2022 | 11.00 am - 6.00 pm

AlumniNet mulled wine sale at the hut at the DIT Campus

2 February 2023 | 6.00 - 8.00 pm

Online-SYP "Self-confident appearance & personality management"

16 - 17 June 2023

Graduation ceremony at the Deggendorf campus

23 June 2023 | 1.00 - 11.00 pm

AlumniNet Prosecco Bar at the Open Day

UNSERE ALUMNI-TREFFEN AUF WEIHNACHTSMÄRKTEN

Sunday, 4 December 2022 | 4.00 pm

Christmas Market Bogenberg

Tuesday, 13 December 2022 | 6.00 pm

Christmas Market Deggendorf

Friday, 16 December 2022 | 6.00 pm

Medieval Christmas Market at Wittelsbacherplatz München

Tuesday, 20 December 2022 | 6.00 pm

Christmas Market Straubing

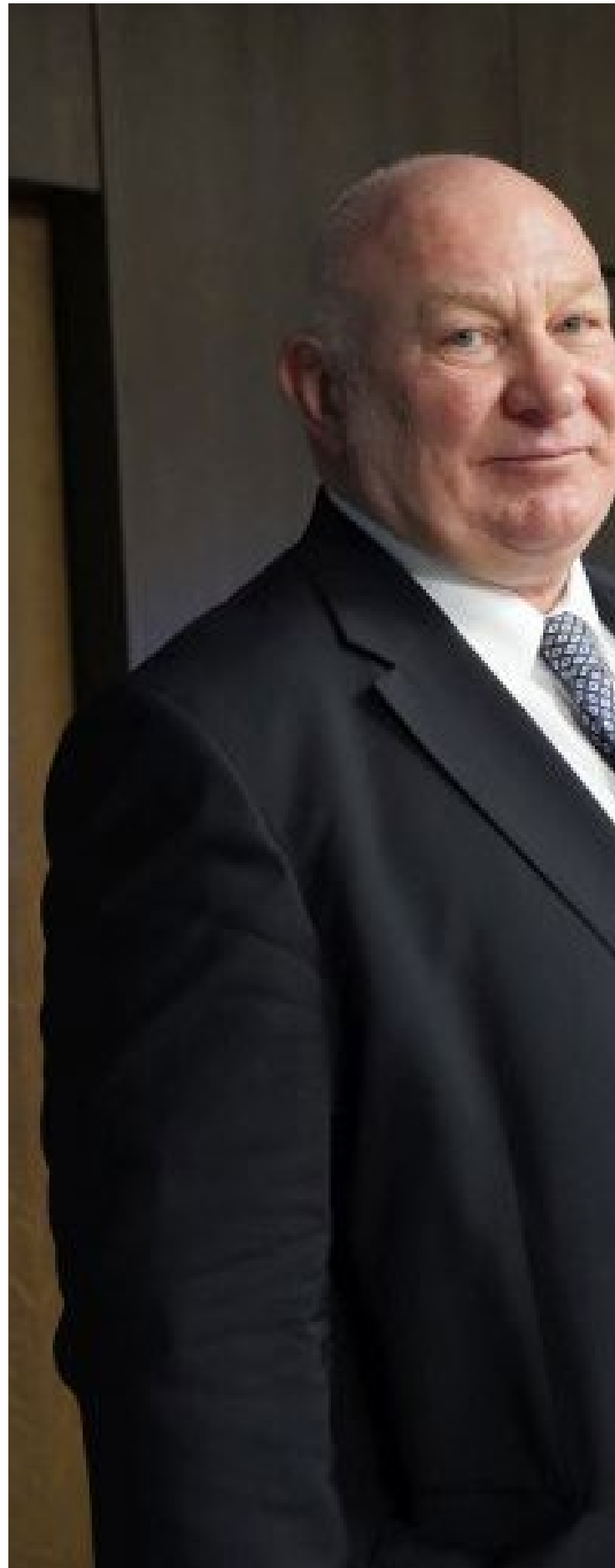
We ask for prior registration via
alumninet@th-deg.de.

Detailed information on all dates can be found at:
www.th-deg.de/en/dit/events

START OF THE WINTER SEMESTER 2022/2023

On Tuesday, 4 October, around 2,200 students began their studies in Deggendorf and at the study locations in Cham and Pfarrkirchen. Officials of the university, the city and the student institutions warmly welcomed the newcomers.

With 41% international students from 123 countries, the Deggendorf Institute of Technology is one of the most international universities of applied sciences in Bavaria. The growth course also continues. Around 2200 students will begin their studies at the DIT in the winter semester. „But this number will still increase,“ knows press spokesman Dr. Jörg Kunz. There are still a number of open enrolments that will only be counted when the enrolment is complete. “In contrast to many universities, which have to report a significant drop in the number of first-year students, the number of applications and enrolments at the DIT is expected to remain constant or even increase slightly,“ Kunz is certain. In total, a good 8,500 students are studying at the campus in Deggendorf and the study locations in Pfarrkirchen and Cham.



Waldemar Berg

WILL BE NEW DIT PRESIDENT IN 2024

On 24 November, the course was set at the Deggendorf Institute of Technology (DIT) for the time after President Prof. Dr. Peter Sperber. The University Council has now elected Professor Waldemar Berg, currently Vice President for Studies and Student Affairs, as the new DIT President. His term of office will begin on 15 March 2024.

Although Sperber will still lead the university for another 16 months, the procedure for selecting his successor was already initiated and carried out this year. What may sound somewhat unusual is not. Birgit Augustin, Chancellor of the Deggendorf Institute of Technology, explains: "We absolutely wanted to ensure in advance that the successor would be able to take office on time, even with longer notice periods. We were also concerned to ensure sufficient familiarisation time."

With Berg, an internal candidate has now made it to the top. After a long selection day, Berg is relaxed and happy: „Of course I am happy to take over such a responsible office and I thank the election committee for the trust they have placed in me. President Sperber was also very satisfied with the outcome of the election: "Waldemar Berg and I have been working together for many years. I think it was a good choice for DIT, because the continuity of our work is thus assured." And that this work has obviously been excellent in recent years was indeed confirmed by all the other candidates in their own presentations.

A total of three candidates had entered the race. They all had 20 minutes to present themselves and their ideas for the Deggendorf Institute of Technology from 2024. Afterwards, they had to answer in-depth questions from the university council. At the end of the day, the university council, consisting of the ten elected members of the senate and ten other people from science, culture and business, had their say. Voting was done via secret ballot with official ballot papers. Berg, who was confirmed as the winner in the very first ballot and accepted his election while still in the meeting room, will now be proposed to Markus Blume, State Minister for Science and the Arts, for appointment as the future DIT President in accordance with the Bavarian Higher Education Act.

RESTRUCTURING

DIT ALUMNI ARE NOW PART OF THE STUDY ORIENTATION DEPARTMENT

Since 1 October 2022, the Deggendorf Institute of Technology has had a new structure for the study-related departments, which are now united “under one roof”. In this way, the university would like to further optimise its processes and make the structures future-proof.

Both the Centre for Studies and Teaching and the Centre for International Affairs no longer exist in their original form.

All units of these two centres have now been combined into one centre called “Centre for Studies and Student Affairs (ZfS)”, which consists of four large departments. The Centre is headed by Prof. Waldemar Berg, Vice President for Studies and Student Affairs.



Martina Heim is the head of the **Communication & Marketing** Department, which also includes the Marketing and University & Academic Communication Departments.

The **Service Centre Studies** with its units Student and Academic Counselling, Career Service/Studium dual, Central Quality Management and Digital Teaching is headed by Wolfgang Stern. A completely new addition to this department is a coordination office called “Project Coordination” as an interface to the faculties.

The third department in the group is the newly established **Study Orientation**. It is headed by Ulrike Sauckel, a veteran of alumni work at DIT. The department covers the areas “Before Studies” and “After Studies” of the Student Life Cycle. The Study Orientation DACH and Prospective Students (international) departments are responsible for recruiting and advising prospective students. DIT’s MINT team is also part of the department, as they make an important contribution to study orientation with their diverse offers. The DIT Alumni Department is responsible for the area of “After graduation” and centralises alumni work at DIT in one department. Graduates of the Deggendorf Institute of Technology have come to the right place with all their post-study needs.

The **Study Centre and International Office** is the fourth department in the alliance and largely bundles sovereign tasks of the university. The International Office takes care of student and staff mobility, while the Study Centre is responsible for all administrative activities related to studies, from application to exmatriculation. The department is headed by Ivian Kuscheff.



FIRST AI GRADUATES

BACHELOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - DIT'S FIRST AI GRADUATES



They are not only the first in Deggendorf, but in all of Germany: In a ceremony in the city's Old Town Hall, the Deggendorf Institute of Technology (DIT) said goodbye to the graduates of the Bachelor's programme in Artificial Intelligence at the end of June. Seven former students were delighted to receive their certificates from the hands of programme coordinator Prof. Dr. Dr. Heribert Popp and AI professor Dr. Patrick Glauner.

A special video message came from Germany's largest research institute for artificial intelligence (DFKI). Managing Director Prof. Dr. Antonio Krüger did not miss the opportunity to send special greetings to Deggendorf on the occasion of the first Bachelor AI graduates in Germany. He appealed: Be aware of your ethical responsibility and put people at the centre of your AI projects. Krüger emphasised the key role of artificial intelligence for the future and praised the Deggendorf Institute of Technology for recognising this faster than other universities and consequently being able to say goodbye to the first graduates. The initiator and coordinator of the programme, Prof. Dr. Dr. Heribert Popp, congratulated his former students. He pointed out that with this certificate they had bright prospects not only in Germany and Europe. With a degree from DIT, one of the most successful university start-ups in Bavaria

with enormous growth, an above-average international share and internationally successful rankings, they would not have to hide in the USA either, said Popp.

Artificial intelligence has been booming for several years, skilled workers are in short supply, and the federal and state governments are trying to promote the topic with considerable funds. The Deggendorf Institute of Technology reacted quickly and has been offering the Bachelor's programme in Artificial Intelligence since 2019. At the start of the new degree programme, already trained computer scientists from the various disciplines were also admitted. They were able to have the common modules from their computer science studies credited to them. In addition, all students were already working in IT professions, and the necessary practical semester was also omitted. Thus, in October 2021, the first students were able to successfully complete their Bachelor's degree in Artificial Intelligence at DIT after only two years of study and while working.

Image (DIT): Programme coordinator Prof. Dr. Dr. Heribert Popp (l.) and Professor of Artificial Intelligence Dr. Patrick Glauner (r.) ceremoniously bid farewell to the first graduates of the Bachelor's programme in Artificial Intelligence at DIT.

NEW PROFESSORS



Prof. Dr. Jens Ebbecke

Alumnus of:

Physics Diploma at TU Braunschweig, graduated in 1998

Doctorate in:

TU Braunschweig in Physics in the year 2001

Career development:

- 2010 - 2022 | Osram OS in Regensburg: Development of LEDs and lasers
- 2009 - 2010 | Southern Danish University: Associate Professor
- 2008 | Heriot Watt University - Lecturer in Physics
- 2004 - 2007 | Habilitation in Experimental Physics Uni Augsburg

At DIT for (Faculty/Research Area):

Faculty EMT
Professor for Optical Measurement and Sensor Technology

What do you like most at DIT:

That I was welcomed here very openly.

Special projects:

to follow...

Favourite holiday destination:

Rovinj



Prof. Dr. Matthias Górká

Alumnus of:

Dipl.-Ing. Electrical Engineering and Information Technology, Degree 2009, FH Deggendorf

Doctorate in:

Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Chair of Electrical Drives and Machines (Power Electronics). Topic: "Functional integration of the DC/DC converter in the drive converter".

Career development: 18 years BMW a.o.

- Group leader development power distribution,
- E/E protection & ignition systems
- Senior Manager High Voltage Battery Development in China
- Process optimisation and innovation management in
- Start-up and application change control worldwide
- Programme Planner Start-up
- Research on drive inverters
- Functional development hybrid vehicles USA
- (Practical Semester)

At DIT for (Faculty/Research Area):

Faculty NUW at Campus Cham,
Professor for Information & Electrical Engineering in Mechatronics

What do you like most at DIT:

The applied teaching and the family atmosphere (no anonymous 200 person lectures)

Special projects:

- Development of first Gen5 HV battery for BMW in China
- Set-up of a prototyping facility for prototypes in China
- Project manager for company-wide
- Project management software
- Enabling RPA in production
- (Robotic Process Automation)
- My doctorate



Prof. Dr. Michael Heigl

Alumnus of:

M.Sc. - Applied Research in Engineering Sciences (DIT) -09/2016
 B.Eng. - Electrical Engineering & Information Technology (DIT)
 -03/2015

Doctorate in:

Computer Science and Engineering - University of West
 Bohemia - 01/2022 | Topic: Enhancing Computer Network
 Security through Improved Outlier Detection for Data Streams

At DIT for (Faculty/Research Area):

- Research professorship „Artificial Intelligence for Cybersecurity“ on topics of potentials of Artificial Intelligence to improve cybersecurity
- Scientific direction together with Prof. Schramm at the Technology Transfer Centre for Digital Security at the TC Vilshofen as well as the ProtectIT Institute.
- Faculty: Applied Computer Science

What do you like most at DIT:

The university is growing and offers a perfect environment with the Technology Transfer Centre for Digital Security at the TC Vilshofen, which is currently under construction.

Special projects:

- Already involved in research projects for over six years at the ProtectIT Institute for over six years
- As head of the working groups „Detection“ and „KI played a major role in the establishment of the institute
- Participation in the development of the cyber security courses at DIT
- Active in the Network Internet and Digitalisation East Bavaria (INDIGO), especially in the cooperation platform AI Campus East Bavaria, for the Initiative Artificial Intelligence Regensburg (AIR) as well as in the Cluster Mechatronics & Automation.

Favourite holiday destination:

at home with the family ;)



Prof. Dr. Thorsten Matje

Alumnus of:

TU Berlin (Mathematical Economics, Diploma, 2007), Virginia Tech (Economics, M.A., 2014), Virginia Tech (Economics, PhD, 2016)

Doctorate in:

Economics

Career development: 18 years BMW a.o.

- IT consulting (Altran GmbH & Co. KG)
- Teaching assistant (Virginia Tech)
- Professorship (Fresenius University Heidelberg)

At DIT for (Faculty/Research Area):

Faculty Applied Computer Science,
 Denomination Business Informatics and Mathematics

What do you like most at DIT:

Familiar & professional cooperation, warm & productive
 & productive atmosphere

Special projects:

Tinkering with the Raspberry Pi

Favourite holiday destination:

Virginia, USA



Prof. Dr. Markus Mayer

Alumnus of:

Dipl.-Informatik, FAU Erlangen, 2007

Doctorate in:

Chair of Pattern Recognition, FAU Erlangen (Dr.-Ing., topic “Automated Glaucoma Detection with Optical Coherence Tomography“)

Career development:

- Since winter semester 2022 | Professor at DIT
- 2012 - 2022 | Developer at Arnold & Richter Cine Technik
- 2015 | Patent granted with colleagues from FAU and MIT Boston | “Method and Apparatus for Motion Correction and Image Enhancement for Optical Coherence Tomography”, US9978159B2
- 2010 - 2012 | Leader of the group “Image Processing in Ophthalmology” of the Chair for Pattern Recognition
- 2009 - 2012 | Research associate at the Chair of Pattern Recognition. Research in the field of pattern recognition, machine learning, image processing and Medical Technology/Ophthalmology
- 2011 | Student Award 2011 of the “Erlangen Graduate School of Advanced Optical Technologies (SAOT)
- 2007 - 2009 | PhD student with scholarship at the “Erlangen Graduate School of Advanced Optical Technologies” and the Chair of Pattern Recognition, FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg
- 2008 | International Travel Grant of the “Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) Annual Meeting 2008”

At DIT for (Faculty/Research Area):

Artificial Intelligence and basics in Computer Science

What do you like most at DIT:

The open, friendly atmosphere, which is reflected in the exchange with colleagues, but also in the commitment of the students.

Special projects:

My “virtual” lab is called “Creative Image and Signal Processing”. The objective is threefold:

- To test out “crazy” ideas in image processing (e.g.: Can I create a visual lossy image compression after which humans still recognise the image content perfectly, but classical neural networks like ResNet etc. no longer do)?
- Application of AI/machine learning methods in the creative industry (e.g.: neural networks for image and audio processing)
- Mapping classical image processing and pattern recognition algorithms from medical imaging with the smallest possible neural networks for local application, e.g. through neural architecture search/optimisation.

I hope I can implement many of these ideas at DIT!

Favourite holiday destination:

Nordstrand. There you will find the most beautiful, secluded camping site I know. And they have wonderful fish sandwiches. Unfortunately, my children no longer want to go there (there’s nothing to do there - apart from cycling along the apart from bicycle tours along the dyke).



Prof. Dr. Josef Schmid

Alumnus of:

M. Sc. Applied Research in Engineering Sciences,
03/2014 - 03/2016, OTH Amberg-Weiden
B. Eng. Applied Computer Science,
10/2010 - 03/2014, OTH Amberg-Weiden

Doctorate in:

Doctorate at the Faculty of Computer Science and
Mathematics, University of Passau | Title: Learning-
Based Quality of Service Prediction in Cellular Vehicle
Communication

Career development:

- 05/2016 - 08/2022 | Scientific assistant at the OTH Amberg-Weiden in various national and European frogging projects
- 03/2014 - 05/2016 | Non-scientific employee at the OTH Amberg-Weiden

At DIT for (Faculty/Research Area):

Faculty of Applied Sciences and Industrial Engineering (NuW),
Professor "Network Communication".

What do you like most at DIT:

The education of young qualified people for the region and beyond, as well as the transfer of knowledge in my research area with and for our partners from industry.

Favourite holiday destination:

I don't have a specific place, as I like to see new things.
I like to see new things, but the Mediterranean region has stolen my heart.



Prof. Björn Seeger

Alumnus of:

Media Operations Engineering, 1999, HAW (Hamburg)

Career development:

- artemedia ag
- Kilchenmann AG
- Planungsbüro Seeger (self-employed)

At DIT for (Faculty/Research Area):

Media Technology

What do you like most at DIT:

Agility & Internationality

Special projects:

- Experience-oriented permanent exhibition, FESTUNG XPERIENCE, Staatliche Schlösser, Burgen und Gärten Sachsen gGmbH, Dresden, 2019
- LED media surfaces, MOTIONWALL, adidas AG, HQ Herzogenaurach, 2019
- Kinetic sculpture, DANCING PARTICLES, SILKS CLUB, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, 2016
- Product Info Center, BMW World, Munich 2008 & 2016

Favourite holiday destination:

Marettimo, IT

SEMINAR FOR (YOUNG) PROFESSIONALS



ONLINE SEMINAR***"Self-confident Appearance & Personality Management"***

The next seminar for alumni of the Deggendorf Institute of Technology will take place on Thursday, 2 February 2023 from 6 - 8 pm. This will be another online seminar via Zoom. The topic will be "Self-confident appearance & personality management".

Your inner confidence is closely linked to your charisma and how you are perceived by others. Your own sense of worth and the feedback from those around you influence your self-confidence. But where exactly are your personal strengths and weaknesses?

With the help of our seminar, you will be able to increase your self-confidence in order to advance your professional success with self-assurance and confidence.

Contents include:

- Who are you and what are your goals?
- Strengths and weaknesses analysis
- What are your Unique Selling Points? (USPs)
- Strengthening your personal appearance and increasing acceptance
- Body language, gestures, facial expressions
- Language and tone of voice
- Self-confidence through inner calm
- Understanding and developing personalities
- Social sensitivity and self-confident restraint
- Practical practice to increase self-confidence
- Improvising / Reacting with confidence

The seminar is offered exclusively to DIT graduates. The seminar is free of charge for members of the Alumni Association, non-members pay €50,00. We accept registrations for the seminar at alumninet@th-deg.de. Please note our seminar guidelines.

ALSO IN PLANNING

Seminar with Germany's top etiquette teacher Clemens Graf von Hoyos on the topic of "Trust in the VUCA World". As soon as a date is fixed, we will inform you in the Alumni Newsletter and on the website.

Business Trip to ZF in Friedrichshafen

A REPORT BY CORINNA PIPPERS
(DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF ALUMNINET E.V.)





This year it was finally time again: after a two-year break, the AlumniNet Business Trip took place from 1 to 4 October 2022. This time we visited our alumni at ZF in Friedrichshafen on Lake Constance. After the individually arranged journey, the participants met at the Hotel Hellers Twenty Four II. Elmar, a DIT alumnus who lives in Friedrichshafen and works at ZF, agreed to give us a short tour of Friedrichshafen. Before we went to the wine tasting in the Vinothek Vintage 1989, we had food in the Spitalkeller. At the Baden 5 wine tasting, sommelière Marleen Sturm introduced us to various wines from the region.

We spent the second day in Constance. We crossed Lake Constance with "The Catamaran" in about 50 minutes. In Constance, the city was explored by means of a scavenger hunt with My City Hunt. Divided into groups, which were randomly drawn beforehand, various tasks and questions about the sights and history of the city had to be solved. Since it was not clarified in advance whether the team that got back to the starting point first, that solved all the tasks first or that solved all the tasks correctly would win, all the teams insist on winning the scavenger hunt to this day and so the winner's prize, wine from the wine shop where the wine tasting took place, was divided among all the "hunters" and drank together in the beach bar in the basement of the hotel. A compromise thus became an unforgettable evening.



On Monday, 3 October 2022, we drove to Lindau on the panoramic route with a view of Lake Constance. At noon, Mrs. Müller welcomed us at the Tourist-Info, opposite the main station on the island of Lindau, and guided us through Lindau under the motto "proverbial". In addition to interesting information about Lindau and its history, Mrs Müller explained the origin of some proverbs. For example, elderly residents who, due to age-related, limited mobility, observed the happenings on the street from respectable bay windows were suddenly "away from the window". In the late afternoon, we made our way back to Friedrichshafen, where we then visited the Häfler Wine Festival at Friedrichshafen Castle. In the park of the castle we tasted various wines from the Herzog von Württemberg winery as the sun set.



Finally, on the last day, we visited ZF. Mr Benz, Managing Director of ZF Mobility Solutions GmbH, welcomed us to the ZF Forum. After a presentation about autonomous shuttles as a complementary form of mobility, for which there are even plans for Deggendorf, we were allowed to marvel at the autonomous shuttle and the exhibition in the ZF Forum. At the end of the business trip, we were invited to lunch. Afterwards we started our journey home. We are already looking forward to the next AlumniNet Business Trip. Where will we go in 2023? Stay tuned!

Graduation Ceremonies

AT THE STUDY LOCATIONS CHAM UND PFARRKIRCHEN

October was "Graduation Month" at DIT - the graduation ceremonies of our study locations in Cham and Pfarrkirchen.

The Campus Cham kicked things off on Friday, 21 October 2022. 40 graduates took part in the ceremony in the foyer of the TC Cham together with up to two accompanying people.

Quite traditionally - as was already customary in Deggendorf - the graduates were dressed in hats and gowns for their graduation ceremony. In Cham it was the first graduation ceremony organised by the DIT Alumni Team. For relatives who could not be there, the event was even streamed. Numerous staff members and professors from the TC and Cham campus also took the opportunity to say goodbye to "their" students in person.

After the ceremonial entry of all graduates, the event started with speeches by the Campus Director Prof. Jürgen Wittmann, the Deputy District Administrator Sandro Bauer and the Mayor of Cham Martin Stoiber. This was followed by award ceremonies by the Ensinger company with the Ensinger Prize 2022 for the best Bachelor's thesis and the Association of Friends and Sponsors of TC Cham for the best Master's thesis and the best Bachelor's and Master's graduates. Marco Melzer (best Master's graduate) gave a short speech as student

representative and reviewed his time at the Cham campus.

This was followed by the highlight of the event: the presentation of certificates to the graduates. Each graduate was called forward individually. The crowning finale was the joint hat toss including Shift the Tassel of all graduates in front of the Cham campus.

The ceremony was musically accompanied by the four-part choir of the local Joseph-von-Fraunhofer-Gymnasium Cham, which gave the farewell ceremony an even more emotional character with very special pieces. A champagne reception with finger food brought the event to a close.

One week later, on Friday, 28 October 2022, we organised the graduation celebrations of the European Campus Rottal-Inn. Graduation ceremonies in the plural, as we scheduled two ceremonies on that day.

Together with the ECRI team, we chose the Reiffenstuel Hall in Pfarrkirchen as the venue for the ceremony. Due to the capacity of this hall and the number of graduates who were invited, we decided to divide the event into two parts. Again, the celebrations were streamed for relatives and friends who could not be there. At the first ceremony at 11 am, we said goodbye to



the graduates of the Master Healthy and Sustainable Buildings, Master Medical Informatics (now: Digital Health), Bachelor Health Informatics and Bachelor Industrial Engineering programmes. The second ceremony followed at 4 pm with the graduates of the Master International Tourism Development and Bachelor International Tourism Management / Health and Medical Tourism programmes. Here, too, we dressed the graduates in festive attire and the ceremonial procession with the heads of the degree programmes opened the celebrations.

In total, we said goodbye to around 59 graduates at the two ceremonies. Accompanying people could take them along without restriction. Unfortunately, we had to cope with a few last-minute absences, but the ceremony went smoothly nonetheless. We held the event at our English-speaking study location in English, of course. The band The Sonic Brewery provided the musical framework for the celebration.

After the welcome by the Campus Director and Vice President for Health Sciences Prof. Horst Kunhardt, we had the pleasure of welcoming the Deputy District Administrator of the Rottal-Inn district Kurt Vallée and the Mayor of the town of Pfarrkirchen Wolfgang Beißmann in the morning. In the afternoon, the second mayor of Pfarrkirchen Herrmann Gaßner was present. Prof. Thomas Spittler then welcomed those present as Vice Dean of the European Campus Rottal-Inn.

Again, at both farewells, we chose student speakers to say a few words to the participants from the perspective of former students. Both rambled into the past and told of their beginnings at ECRI and how they were able to grow there over time, not only professionally but also personally. Many a name or place name brought with it certain pitfalls.

The presentation of certificates to each graduate was done by the respective programme directors. They also addressed a few personal words to "their" students.

The highlight and symbolic conclusion of the degree programme was the tossing of the hat with the Shift the Tassel in the golden October weather, followed by a reception.



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